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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: GOH CANCELLATION OF CONCESSIONS  
OF U.S. BANANA COMPANIES.

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3590, 3591, 3592

FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED TODAY, AUGUST 18, FOR DEPARTMENT  
SPOKESMAN:

Q: I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS HAS CANCELED  
THE CONCESSIONS OF UNITED BRANDS AND STANDARD FRUIT. WHAT  
IS THE POSITION OF THE USG ON THIS ACTION?

A: IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, THIS IS A MATTER BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS AND EACH OF THE COMPANIES. THE  
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COMPANIES INVOLVED ARE THE TELA RAILROAD COMPANY, A

SUBSIDIARY OF UNITED BRANDS AND STANDARD FRUIT, A SUBSIDIARY OF CASTLE AND COOK. WE WILL, OF COURSE, FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER VERY CLOSELY.

Q: DOES THE USG CONSIDER THIS TO BE AN ACT OF EXPROPRIATION?

A: THIS IS A HIGHLY COMPLEX LEGAL SITUATION ON WHICH WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY LEGAL CONCLUSIONS. SISCO

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